

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 12-27 without prejudice or disclaimer of their underlying subject matter.

1. (Previously presented) A concentrated physical distribution management method to be used when consigned cargo is delivered to a destination, wherein said method is processed to be electronic information capable of being mutually communicated by means of communication network lines, said method comprising:

a shipping instruction processing step of instructing delivery of the consigned cargo to the destination collectively including a physical distribution trader by accessing a specific site;

a physical distribution expense calculation processing step of calculating physical distribution expenses necessary for delivery of the cargo to the destination; and

a cargo tracking processing step of indicating a delivery status of the cargo, whereby the cargo can be managed concentratedly.

2. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein in said shipping instruction processing step, a shipping instruction is performed on a basis of a list of a plurality of physical distribution traders nominated previously, outgoing vessel schedule information of a shipping company, and information of physical distribution basic six pieces being physical distribution information necessary and enough for input cargo delivery.

3. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein in said physical distribution expense calculation processing step, physical distribution expenses to the destination are calculated by reference to physical distribution expenses at every transportation route in cargo details of shipping instruction information.

4. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein a current position of the cargo can be recognized in said cargo tracking processing step.

5. (Previously presented) A concentrated physical distribution management apparatus to be used when consigned cargo is delivered to a destination, said apparatus comprising:

shipping instruction processing means for instructing delivery of the consigned cargo to the destination collectively including a physical distribution trader;

physical distribution expense calculation processing means for calculating physical distribution expenses necessary for delivery of the cargo to the destination; and

cargo tracking processing means for indicating a delivery status of the cargo, wherein: said shipping instruction processing means, said physical distribution expense calculation processing means, and said cargo tracking processing means are configured so as to be accessed through communication network lines, and corresponding processing can be executed by access to a specific site.

6. (Previously presented) A concentrated physical distribution management system to be used when consigned cargo is delivered to a destination, wherein said system is configured to be a site capable of communicating mutually by means of communication network lines, said site being

provided with a database server, said database server including inner processing sections comprising at least:

a shipping instruction processing section for instructing delivery of the consigned cargo to the destination collectively including a physical distribution trader;

a physical distribution expense calculation processing section for calculating physical distribution expenses necessary for delivery of the cargo to the destination; and

a cargo tracking processing section for indicating a delivery status of the cargo, whereby all of shipping instructions concerning cargo to the physical distribution trader can be transmitted only by access to said site.

7. (Previously presented) The concentrated physical distribution management system according to claim 6, wherein said shipping instruction processing section is provided with a database storing a list of a plurality of physical distribution traders nominated previously, outgoing vessel schedule information of a shipping company, and the like, whereby shipping instruction processing to said physical distribution trader can collectively be done on a basis of input physical distribution basic six information.

8. (Original) The concentrated physical distribution management system according to claim 6, wherein said physical distribution expense calculation processing section is provided with a master file necessary for calculation of physical distribution expenses to the destination by reference to physical distribution expenses at every transportation route in cargo details of shipping instruction information, and a database for management of the master file.

9. (Original) The concentrated physical distribution management system according to claim 6, wherein a current position of cargo can be recognized by search for information in said cargo tracking processing section.

10. (Previously presented) A reception method of an order of cargo, said reception method comprising the steps of:

receiving shipping instruction information such as a kind, a quantity and a destination of the cargo in shipping instruction consignment of the cargo input through communication network lines or input on a portal site side;

confirming stock information of the cargo among the received shipping instruction information;

calculating physical distribution expenses in a deduced transportation route of the cargo after said step of confirming the stock information of the cargo; and

delivering the calculated physical distribution expenses to a consignor side.

11. (Previously presented) An ordering method of cargo, said ordering method comprising the steps of:

taking out shipping instruction information stored in a shipping instruction database;

taking out a transport schedule stored in a transport schedule database;

determining a cargo transportation route in conformity with said shipping instruction on a basis of said shipping instruction information and said transport schedule;

selecting an preferable physical distribution trader among physical distribution traders covering said determined cargo transportation route in a physical distribution trader list resisted in a nomination database; and

delivering determined shipping instruction information to said selected physical distribution trader by means of communication network lines or the like.

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